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1. ICFTU SPECIAL MISSION VISIT IN COLOMBIA MARCH 19-21
WAS AS LOW-KEY HERE AS IT WAS IN VENEZUELA (CARACAS 3226).
DELEGATION, UNION OF COLOMBIAN WORKERS (UTC) AND COLOMBIAN WORKERS
CONFEDERATION (CTC) OFFICERS MET WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ
MARCH 20. LOPEZ, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SAID THAT HIS GOVER-
NMENT "WHICH IS DEMOCRATIC HAS TO WORK WITH DEMOCRATIC LABOR
ORGANIZATIONS". UTC SOURCES INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT LOPEZ
FOLLOWED THAT REMARK WITH AN APPEAL TO THE ICFTU TO PROVIDE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TWO LABOR CENTERS WHICH, HE
ALLEGEDLY SAID, WERE WORKING AT A DISADVANTAGE WITH THE COMMUNIST-
LED TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION OF COLOMBIAN WORKERS (CSTC),
BECAUSE THE LATTER "AS EVERYBODY KNOWS IS RECEIVING CONSIDERA-
BLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY." ICFTU APPARENTLY MADE
NO COMMITMENT.

2. IN EXPLORING WAYS OF REVITALIZING THE INTER-AMERICAN
LABOR MOVEMENT, ICFTU, UTC AND CTC AGREED THAT ORIT SHOULD BE
REPLACED. ALL AGREED THAT A NEW ORGANIZATION SHOULD INCLUDE
THE AFL-CIO AND THE CANADIANS (CLC).
ACCORDING TO UTC SOURCES, ICFTU SECGEN KERSTEN AND THE
PRESIDENT MACDONALD REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THEIR HOPES THAT THE
AFL-CIO WOULD SOO REJOIN THE ICFTU.
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